

## WSDOT Road Construction Update for Snohomish County

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### Wet weather woes create delays opening new lanes on SR 527

Crews working on the northern half of [122<sup>nd</sup> Street S.E. and 112<sup>th</sup> Street S.E.](#), on SR 527, have been unable to stripe the new roadway due to rainy weather the last few weeks.

We need at least three consecutive days of dry weather to complete this work because striping won't stick to wet pavement. This has delayed our mid-January opening of the new northbound and southbound lanes. If Mother Nature cooperates, we hope to have this section of highway restriped and open to traffic sometime in February.

During the rain our contractor has kept busy doing other work that's not as weather sensitive like building sidewalks next to the lake, installing new signal poles and other street lighting and wrapping up landscape work. However, we're still not quite done. This spring crews will return to repave SR 527 from 121st Street to 110th Street. When this work is complete in April we will open this five lane section of SR 527 to traffic.

### Striping complete on US 2 project near Monroe

Temporary striping work is done on [US 2 near Monroe](#). Crews got a break in the weather and finished placing temporary highway markings. Initially crews were not able to finish permanent striping and curbing because of wet and foggy weather this past fall. We will permanently strip this section in April when the weather is warmer.

Drivers should be aware that two way turns are no longer legal in the median. Once weather conditions improve installation of permanent curbing will help clarify this.

### More girders on I-5, plan for delays

The bottleneck on [I-5 through Everett](#) only gets tighter when you throw construction in the mix. But drivers really came through for us in January when crews closed I-5 for four nights to set fifteen girders across the freeway for the new Broadway Avenue flyover exit ramp. By taking alternate routes and adjusting their schedules drivers helped reduce traffic backups significantly.

There are more girders to set but you won't see any full closures on I-5 this month. Crews are bringing in concrete girders along I-5 parallel to 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Once these girders are in place, crews will build the platforms that will hold the new exit lane to Broadway. We still need drivers'

help during this work to keep traffic moving. On I-5 we'll be closing lanes and shoulders and shifting lanes, during off peak hours. These closures will be over-night. So, plan for delays on I-5 and on city streets near and under the freeway. Know before you go by checking road closures happening this week in our [weekly construction update report](#).

## **Steamboat Slough Bridge closures February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**

Bridge crews will close all southbound lanes of SR 529 on the Steamboat Slough Bridge this weekend from 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February, 12. During the closures crews will adjust the counter balance weights on the bridge. This maintenance will help ensure that the bridge continues to work properly for years to come.

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